# RIBULATIONS &



"Take me to the river"

The Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club hosted this year's VTR in La Crosse, WI. on the Mississippi River. Thanks Greg, Carol and volunteer members...











### PREZ RELEASE

As I write this, it is the end of July. I have just returned from our Club sponsored VTR in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. It was my first VTR and my first year as a VTR member. I joined because you had to be a VTR member to attend the VTR National Convention. It was a great venue and our Club did a super job in hosting this event. If you have never been to a VTR you should consider it. The next VTR National is in Dripping Springs, Texas, next October. A cool 1200 mile or so jaunt, one way. Definitely a big boy trip. Incidentally, I did meet a couple who drove their early TR3A to LaCrosse, from California. He has adapted a cruise control for his 3A, as well as a 4-way flasher.

One neat thing about the VTR is that you have the opportunity to see rare Triumphs. Among the unusual were 3 Italia's and a Gloria. I made the mistake of entering my 3A in the Concours Class of the VTR car show. In this class the car is scored on originality, i.e. how they looked in the show room when new!! Many of the Triumphs in this class look MUCH nicer than what you would have seen in the showroom. WOW! Point deductions are made for any non-original modification such as gear shift knobs, Pertronic ignition, tail pipes, hose clamps and changes to the engine

compartment or interior. I have never seen so many TR's with spotless engine compartments. Somehow, I managed to garner a First Place, TR3A Early. Must have been a small number in my class. Other Minnesota Triumph Club Car Show winners, in the various Classes, were (to best of my spotty recollection) John Myers-TR4, Bruce VanSloun-TR2, Bob Kessler-TR3, Dan Buchen-TR8 and Richard Halkyard- 2000 MK1 Estate. Sorry if I missed anyone.

Among the vendors Larry
Sanderson managed to corral and
have attending the Convention to
display their wares: Richard GoodLiteZup Industries of Texas, 2
chaps from Rimmer Bros in the
UK, three representatives from
Moss Motors (including Robert
Goldman-Chairman Moss Motors),
and Charles Runyan, John-Paul
Runyan and Dan Compston from
The Roadster Factory. You might
want to check out this link to The
Roadster Factory for some photos
of the VTR:

week-3.html
A very nice wooden plaque was presented to Minnesota Triumphs for hosting the VTR. This will be displayed at our monthly meeting and kept for safe keeping with Greg Gelhar, our venerable Historian.

Speaking of Greg, he was awarded

http://the-roadster-factory.com/ Images/tempphotos/Photo-of-thehis lamp made of Triumph parts. A very HEAVY lamp.
As a Club we owe a tremendous vote of thanks to all our members who volunteered and expended an amazing amount of time and energy to make this VTR happen!

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### MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

Minnesota Triumphs Meeting Minutes
July 12th 2018

A rainy Thursday left a line of lonely orange cones to guard the parking lot where all the TR treasures should have been.

We met in a different area of Ol' Mexico this time. It worked ok, but most will be glad to have it back in the "regular " spot. Approximately 47 people attended the meeting with notice of a couple new members joining us. Erik Paulson introduced us to his lovely bride Susan. Brian Pichelman, (proud owner of a 79 Spit) joined us for the meeting.

As the National VTR meeting was approaching, some last minute volunteer requests were made and travel plans were being made for the trek to La-Crosse.

Attending Club officers shared their respective information, which is shared with us in the club newsletter.



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# Minnesota Triumphs Tech Specialists

As a service to fellow members, club members with an expertise in a particular model of Triumph have volunteered to act as tech specialists for that model. They don't know everything but they do know a lot. So, if you have a question, give them a call.

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**TR4** - John Myers (507-633-2017)

**TR4A** - Larry Sanderson (507-775-6940)

TR250/TR6 - Orrin McGill (763-755-7765)

**TR7** -Charles Setala (651-490-0489)

**TR8** - Greg Gelhar (763-424-6434)

Spitfire - Bill Gingerich (612-850-4072)

**GT6** - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)

Renown

**Citroën** - A. Lindberg (651-292-8585)



WE DID IT!!!!!

The 2018 VTR National Convention is in the books. Greg Thompson wished this to be the best convention that the Vintage Triumph Register had ever seen. All of us Minnesota Triumph members who attended are a bit prejudiced, but we all think we pulled it off. We came away from Pottsboro, TX 2 years ago all fired to do one more VTR convention. Many thanks to the thumbs up approval from all our members decision to go for it that evening meeting in October 2016 in N. St Paul. Based on hearsay in Texas that the casino in Red Wing presented a great venue a few of us explored that idea once more. Some in the club wished we go "up north" for a real Minnesota experience, but after exploring the traffic situation through the Metro area and considering our guests whom many had to dodge the traffic of Chicago, the committee decided that it wasn't so much about geography, but rather about the gathering our people and their cars in a very nice less congested area. When the LaCrosse idea surfaced it seemed much more perfect after the exploration and presentation by Greg and Carol.

So the 2018 Convention came to fruition in LaCrosse. We had the serenity of the Mississippi on one side of our host hotel and on the other a great view of Triumphs that came from all over America with the backdrop of a historic little town loaded with amenities that all Triumph owners could wish to have. The folks of LaCrosse rolled out the welcome mat.

We chose the dates of July 17-21 as we reviewed the historic weather conditions of that week.

### VTR REPORT AUGUST 2018

And as history proved the week was almost perfect with cooler temperatures and very little rain. One evening the skies opened up a bit but all the cars were in the lot and secured. By next morning the skies cleared and we were treated to perfection once more.

So many events planned by many of our MN TR loyal along with road trips through the historic area and roads proved that boredom was next to impossible. Our hotel and staff treated all our guests to superb service. When a need arose they were there to correct or to advise how we might cure our problem. The Radisson was clean and always had the look of a freshly trimmed yard.

Our vendors reported that they had all done very well with the goods they brought to sell and most took large orders back to their warehouses for shipment back to the convention attendees. Our vendor room looked like a nice little store where vendors brought catalogs and parts and where they just wanted to attach a face with the name of their companies. All of these folks made our convention possible with the donation of funds and many chose to give us parts for our auction.

So many of our members came forth and paid to register for the convention, but all they did was work for the benefit of our out of town guests to assure that they were happy and satisfied with all. The funkana was over the top with the Mississippi as the center of its theme. There were breakfast runs, dinner runs, trolley tours, sunset paddle boat river cocktail cruises, an autocross, a TSD, self guided tours, photo/model/and craft contests, fun ralleye, concours and participants

choice car show and so much more. The silent auction became quite exciting as the time was counted down to the end and then all hands were asked to be in the air. A special award night came after the auction. The Friday night banquet proved to be perfect with all the rest of the major awards and presentations being given. The 3 major vendors showcased their companies with a short speech about who they are and what they do. The banquet ended at 9.30 PM in a record setting time that eliminated the boredom of having to go on for the normal 4+ hour banquet marathons where half the room exits before the presentation of the next VTR convention sight. The time is now to put October 6-11, 2019 on your calendar for Dripping Springs, Texas (somewhere near Austin, Texas). And of course you have to be a VTR member to go.

MANY Thanks go out to so many MN Triumphs members who spent their week serving as host to all our guests from other states. Congratulations for making this the BEST VTR convention ever!!!!

Larry Sanderson, your MN Triumphs VTR Liaison, 507 269 1500 or myfriendlar@yahoo.com or vtrliaison@mntriumphs.org

# **Triumph Calendar**

### MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS SPORTS CAR CLUB 2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

28-High Tea (host: Gary & Barb Stephenson) 1:00 PM

Does not include tech sessions (not yet scheduled)

### **AUGUST**

xx-Queen Mum Tour?

09-Club meeting

11-\*Britfest in Hudson, WI 11- New London/New Brighton Antique Car Run

24-25 Fagan Air Museum - Granite Falls, MN

26-\*Amery Auto Cross & Speed Run in Amery, WI

26- Cherokee Park picnic (host: ????)

### **SEPTEMBER**

8-\*CAF Hanger Dance 6PM to Midnight (host: Dick Leighninger)

8-\*Wheels & Wings in Osceola, WI

13-Club meeting

TBD -Summer Picnic (host: Phil & Sue Ethier)

21-22\*Waumandee Hillclimb in Alma, WI

TBD-Mystery Tour (host needed)

### **OCTOBER**

11-Club meeting

20-Color Tour (host needed)



See Intermarque Monthly at: www.intermarque.org

### 2018 Multi Marque Calendar

### Thanks to our calendar sponsor BROADWAY AUTO TECH!

We're always happy to add new events. Send additions, deletions and corrections to andyrlind@gmail.com

### New

June 16, Coulee Classic Rally, Meet at Maiden Rock Village Park on the shores of Lake Pepin in Maiden Rock, Wisconsin. 10:00 AM. Rally will run from 11 to 5, ending at the Stone Barn in Nelson, Wisconsin. Presented by the Stella del Nord Alfa Club. Info: <a href="https://www.meetup.com/Auto-Italia-Minnesota/">www.meetup.com/Auto-Italia-Minnesota/</a> Ed Solstad 612-822-0569

June 22-24, Back to the '50s. Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul. Minnesota. All cars (well their bodies at least) must be older than 1964½. Small block Chevy engines are not strictly required but will be found in probably 5,000 of the attending 9,000 cars. Most with automatic transmissions.

June 23, Spring Into Summer Car Show. BMC in Isanti. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. 444 West Dual, Isanti, Minnesota. The emphasis is on British cars but all marques are welcome. Relaxed atmosphere, no registration fee, food will be served. <a href="https://www.bmcautos.com/651-400-0145">www.bmcautos.com/651-400-0145</a>

June 24, Intermarque Picnic, Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share. June picnic hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club, and all intermarque enthusiasts are invited to attend.

June 30, Amery Airport Run, Amery Airport, Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Email: greg.willodson@gmail.com

June 30-July 1, Vintage Sports Car and SCCA race. Brainerd International Raceway. VSCR trackside BBQ Friday evening; all are welcome.

July 7-8, Rallye de Valleye, Formerly known as the Walleye 1000. 1997 and older vehicles. Overnight at Radisson La Crosse with dinner at Piggy's. Info Mark Sabbann velovia@velodevia.com

July 19-22, Weathertech International Challenge with Brian Redman, Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. This is the biggest vintage race in this part of the world. Over 400 racers. Feature races this year are CAN-AM, Trans Am and Formula 5000. The Concours d' Elegance in downtown Elkhart Lake on Friday for race cars and Saturday night for street cars is a can't miss event for any enthusiast. Info: roadamerica.com

July 21 Scottish Fair & Highland Games. Eagan Central Park, Eagan, Minnesota. Two shifts for British cars: 8:30 to 12:30, and 11:30 to 5:30. If interested in showing your British car, contact Jim Harris 612-803-5530 or

JHarris@MNScottishFair.org. If you're interested in the event, go to http://www.mnscottishfair.org/

July 22, 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance, Excelsior, Minnesota. Over 150 vehicles (cars, boats, and motorcycles). Not Pebble Beach, but a very nice location and many interesting cars at a much lower entry price (\$20 in advance). Info: 10000lakesconcours.com

July 22 Brits Car Show. Brits Pub, downtown Minneapolis. It is, for British Cars only. At this time, they think that they have room for about 50 cars. Keep the show in mind, & at a future time when things are more firm on the show, we will reach out to the clubs for cars to show.

July 26, uNDER tHE cRAZY mOON at Pazzaluna. Thursday, July 26, 2018 5pm, 360 St. Peter Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102. Italian cars and motorcycles in downtown St. Paul. www.wheelsofitaly.com

July 29, Intermarque Picnic, Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share. July picnic hosted by the Minnesota MG Group, and all intermarque enthusiasts are invited to attend.

August 11, BritFest, Hudson, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group. Info: mn-mggroup.org

August 11, New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run, A 120-mile tour between its namesake cities for 1908 and earlier vehicles. The lunch stop in Buffalo is a fun viewing spot. Info: antiquecarrun.org

August 18-19, Classic Motor Works Vintage Race Weekend. Gimli, Manitoba. Show and shine, Track laps, etc. *Gimli Motorsport Park* 

August 18, British Car Show. Chanhassan Motorplex

August 25-27, Jack Pine Sprints, Brainerd International Raceway, With Friday vintage BBQ

August 26, Amery Airport Autocross/Speed run, Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info: mnhealey.com

August 26, Intermarque Picnic, Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share. All intermarque enthusiasts are invited to attend.

September 16, Wheels of Italy, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Calhoun Executive Center, 3033 Excelsior Boulevard, Minneapolis. Italian cars and motorbikes. Gelato and other vendors. More red Ferraris than you can count. Info: wheelsofitaly.com

September 14-16, VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Featured Marques for 2018 are the Austin Healey Sprite and the MG Midget, honoring the Sprite 60th Anniversary. A special Big Bore bash will feature all the big cubic inch ground-pounders from the '60s and '70s. There will also be a display of Jaguar XK cars in the paddock to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the XK120. The fan-friendly paddock is open to spectators for close-up views of amazing racing machines prepared to era specifications all weekend. On Saturday fans can watch a historic road course reenactment tour, which will leave Road America and follow a route almost identical to the street course driven in the early 1950s Info: roadamerica.com

September 21-23, Waumandee Hill Climb, Waumandee, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info: mnhealey.com

September 30, Intermarque Picnic, Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share. All intermarque enthusiasts are invited to attend

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June 6-9, Rendezvous. Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group. Best Western Conference Center. 715-838-9989. For event info: <a href="https://www.mn-mggroup.org">www.mn-mggroup.org</a> or Diane Rindt <a href="https://drindt427@yahoo.com">drindt427@yahoo.com</a> or 715-379-6001

### BREAKFAST REMINDER

Breakfasts on Saturday mornings are now held at Elsie's. 729 Marshall Street N.E., Minneapolis, 55413. 8am start.





### An Auction Contribution

By Greg Gelhar

In July 2017 I was asked to make something to sell at the 2018 VTR auction. I did not know exactly what I could make, but remembered making a special gear shift knob for Andy's TR3. That knob featured a British shilling coin.

I thought if I made five of these knobs the supply might not exceed the demand. I do metal work and machining in my small basement workshop and my friends know my woodworking equipment sucks. Also, I had no suitable wood scraps laying around. I made the metal inserts used to mount the shift knobs onto the cars shift levers and put out a message on our Yahoo page asking for hardwood blocks.

The response was minimal, but I got just what I needed,



I was given enough Walnut, white Oak, and Rosewood to make six knobs. The Shilling coins were found on an on-line auction cite.

With my metal working lathe, I used radius turning attachments set the dials for the various dimensions and machined each knob the same as the next. While a



worker with a wood lathe would freehand the shape of the knobs using hand held turning tools.

Applying the finish was also done on the lathe. Turning at a very slow speed, I could apply the Marine varnish quite heavily without sags or runs.



The six knobs were completed by the end of September 2017. The two members who donated the wood, and do own better woodworking equipment, checked out my work and approved my results. Then I thought we just can't throw these naked knobs on the auction table to roll around. I needed to make some display boxes to hold them and draw attention among the other items up for auction. More time was put into making these cardboard boxes than it took to make the knobs.

At the auction, the knobs garnered enough attention to let me know they would not be duds left over at the end of the auction. A bidding sheet was placed by every item on the auction table and soon there was \$35 to \$40 offered for each knob. They all sold for More!

I was even approached, by bidders who did not win, asking if I could make another knob for them. Back to the workshop.

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# **CONCOURS**



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# Triumph Trader

# **FOR SALE**

1973 TR6 (CF4338U in Emerald Green). Doesn't run due to bad starter and a very long idle. New parts. Considered as parts car. \$2,500 or B.O.

1973 TR6 (CF8802U) in Sienna Brown and black interior (basket case)

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- engine (completely rebuilt including new internal parts and new valve seats for unleaded gas. Rebuilt carbs and electronic distributor, all done by TRF)
- newly rebuilt transmission with overdrive)
- tons of all new parts including all interior trims (all necessary for frameup restoration)
- only body needs work (used/new fenders and body parts are included) \$21,500 or BO



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# **About Minnesota Triumphs Car Club**

Minnesota Triumphs formed in 1981 when a group of Triumph enthusiasts met for an afternoon of fun and conversation at Fort Snelling Park.

Since then, the club has grown to more than 150 members from throughout the Midwest.

Our activities include:

- Monthly meetings
- Social gatherings
- Tech sessions
- Road rallies
- Regional and national events

We welcome all Triumph enthusiasts, whether you own a concourse-winning showpiece, are restoring a diamond in the rough are searching for just the right addition to your garage or just appreciate the marque.

Together we can locate those hard-to-find parts and assist one another in keeping our vehicles on the road. But most of all, the club offers opportunities to explore some of the best roads

in the region with others who enjoy the Triumph experience.

## Membership

Our membership year runs January 1 through December 31.

Annual membership is \$25 (an additional \$1 provides your partner with voting privileges at our annual election of officers). With this membership fee, your newsletter can be seen on-line or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

If you prefer to have your newsletter mailed to you, membership fee is \$35 (plus \$1 for partner's voting privileges).

Join after September 1st and enjoy full membership benefits through the remainder of the current year and the entire next year.

# Monthly Meetings

Minnesota Triumphs meets the second Thursday of each month, during 2018 the meetings will be at the:

Ol' Mexico Restaurante & Cantina 1754 Lexington Ave North Roseville, MN 55113

Phone: 651-487-2847

Email: info@olmexico.com



Join us at the Chanhassen AutoPlex 2018 Free Car Show Events

LAST Saturday's "Cars & Caves" Charity Car Show April 28, May 26, June 30 ,July 28, Aug 25, Sept 29 8-NOON - - - GATES OPEN AT 7:30 Classics, Muscle, Antiques, Street Rods, & Exotics WELCOME!

Each month will be operated by members of a different charity donations will go to the charity DONATIONS WILL BE APPRECIATED PARKING AVAILABLE ON-SITE and DESIGNATED OFF-SITE LOTS!!







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# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

What with VTR registrations and other issues, I don't have much time for this page this month. Here are a few amusing graphics I found on line. Maybe this will have more substance next month.



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Check our web site at:

www.mntriumphs.org

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We have an e-mail site you can easily join. It is Minnesota Triumphs Yahoo mail.

Simply send an e-mail to

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You don't have to ask for anything, they will see your e-mail address and take it from there.





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